

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objects to the title of the application as being non-descriptive. By the current amendment, Applicants replace the originally submitted title with a new title that is submitted to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. In view of the submission of a new title, Applicants submit that the ground for the objection to the title no longer exists, and respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

The claims stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over several issued patents and pending applications.

By the current amendment, Applicants cancel, without prejudice, original claims 1-4 and submit new claims 5-17 for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants submit that the new claims avoid the numerous obviousness-type double patenting rejections and provisional rejections set forth by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the present invention, as defined by claims 5-17, are not obvious over the art cited by the Examiner. Specifically, Applicants submit that the presently claimed invention is not identical to and is patentably distinct from the claimed art applied by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the numerous double patenting rejections, including the various provisional double patenting rejections.

Applicants further submit that the claims pending in the present application do not conflict with claims 1-8 of U.S. Application No. 10/756,405; claims 1-18 of U.S. Application No. 10/756,425; or claims 1-47 of U.S. Application No. 10/756,540. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(b) objection to the

claims in the present application.

Applicants also respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-3 as being obvious over U.S. Patent 5,801,696 to ROBERTS.

According to a feature of the present invention, an event is sent to an application that is being executed which is selected based on receivable event information previously registered by the application. Applicants submit that at least this feature is lacking from ROBERTS.

Applicants submit that ROBERTS is directed to sending an event to a focused application, and does not disclose or suggest sending an event to a running application (e.g., an application that is being executed) which is selected based on the receivable event information that has previously been registered by the executing (running) application. Further, Applicants submit that the "Official Notice" relied upon by the Examiner in the Office Action fails to teach or suggest that which is lacking in ROBERTS. Accordingly, Applicants submit that even if one attempted to amend ROBERTS in the manner suggested by the Examiner, one would fail to arrive at the presently claimed invention, as such a combination would not send an event to the running (executing) application which is selected based on the receivable event information that has previously been registered by the executing (running) application.

By the current amendment, Applicants cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-4 and submit new claims 5-17 that more clearly define the above-discussed feature. These claims specify (using the language of claim 5) that the event controlling program sends an event corresponding to a user input to an executing application, that the executing application registers receivable event information in the digital broadcasting receiver that

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identifies an event corresponding to the user input received by an input section that can be received by the executing application, and that the event controlling program sends the event corresponding to the user input to the executing application when the receivable event information identifies that the event corresponding to the user input can be received by the executing application.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the ground for the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection no longer exists. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this ground of rejection, to indicate the allowability of the pending claims, and to pass this application to issue.

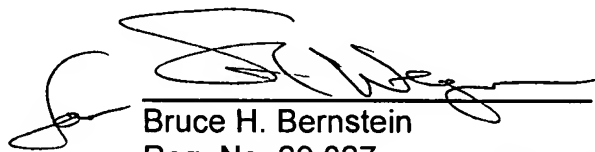
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. '1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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